THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has signed an MoU with Transparency International India on 15.2.2008 for implementation of Integrity Pact.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) AAI is implmenting Integrity Pact w.e.f. 1.4.2008 on contracts of Civil/ Electricial/Composite projects of value more than Rs. 50 crores and CNS/Electronics Projects, land and commercial contracts of value more than Rs. 25 crores.

Upgradation of Small Airports

3725. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to upgrade small airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the list of small airports selected to be upgraded, State-wise;

(d) the cost involved in the likely upgradation;

(e) whether some of the State Government have agreed to enter into an agreement with the Central Government for upgradation of the airports in their States; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, Airports Authority of India (AAI) proposes to upgrade some of its non-operational small airports in the country, subject to availability of land from the concerned State Governments free of cost and some other facilities.

(c) and (d) Airports upgradation works have been taken up by AAI at Mysore in Karnataka, Warrangal and Cuddapah in Andhra Pradesh; Passighat, Tezu, Along, Daparizo and Zero in Arunachal Pradesh; Kailasahar and Kamalpur in Tripura; Tura in Meghalaya; Akola, Gondia and Baramati in Maharashtra; Surat in Gujarat; Jharsuguda in Orissa; Malda and Behala in West Bengal. These projects are at various stages of initiation/completion. The likely cost of these works is about Rs. 300 crores.

Airports of North Eastern States mentioned above are being funded by the North Eastern Council (NEC).

(e) and (f) Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) have been signed by AAI with the concerned State Governments in respect of Mysore, Warrangal, Cuddapah and Surat airports.

Air India Express services from Hyderabad

3726. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any request from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh regarding Air India Express services connecting Hyderabad to Bangkok, Riyadh and Kuwait;